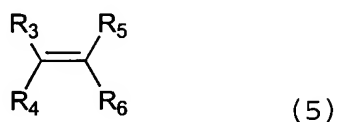


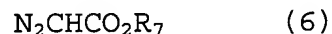
wherein  $\text{R}_3$ ,  $\text{R}_4$ ,  $\text{R}_5$ ,  $\text{R}_6$  and  $\text{R}_7$  are as defined below,

which comprises reacting a prochiral olefin of formula

(5):



wherein  $\text{R}_3$ ,  $\text{R}_4$ ,  $\text{R}_5$  and  $\text{R}_6$  are as defined below, with a diazoacetic acid ester of formula (6):



wherein  $\text{R}_7$  is as defined below, in the presence of a chiral copper complex as defined in item 3 or 4,

wherein  $\text{R}_3$ ,  $\text{R}_4$ ,  $\text{R}_5$  and  $\text{R}_6$  independently represent

a hydrogen atom,

a halogen atom,

a (C1-C10)alkyl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom or a lower alkoxy group,

a (C4-C8)cycloalkyl group,

an aryl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom or a lower alkoxy group.

an alkoxy group,

R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, or R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> may be bonded at their terminals to form an alkylene group having 2-4 carbon atoms, and

one of R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> groups represents an alkenyl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom, an alkoxy group or an alkoxy carbonyl group, of which alkoxy may be substituted with a halogen atom or atoms, provided that when R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are the same, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are not the same, and

R<sub>7</sub> represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

a cycloalkyl group which may be optionally substituted with a lower alkyl group,

a benzyl group which may be optionally substituted with a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenoxy group or a halogen atom,

a phenyl group which may be optionally substituted with a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group or a phenoxy group.

The paragraph beginning on page 26, line 8, has been amended as follows:

--Comparative Example 5--